Women Workers in Fish Processing Industries

3601. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to study the problem of women workers engaged in fish processing industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government will review the existing labour laws in this Industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (d) The Government have constituted a Task Force to study the living and working conditions of workers employed in fish processing industry. The Task Force will study the conditions of work relating to hours of work, employment at night, sexual harassment, non-supply of personal protective safety equipments and nonimplementation of statutory provisions contained in Factories Act, Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) act, Inter-state Migrant Workman act, etc., and suggest steps for ameliorating their working and living conditions.

Increase in Wage Bill in PSUs

3602. SHRI SATISHCHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) how much per cent the wage bill have increased during last five years in public sector undertakings;

(b) whether there is any new recruitment; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) The increase in wage bill in Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) since 1994-95 is given in the statement. *{See* below).

(b) There are new recruitments in CPSUs as and when there is requirement for the same.

(c) Does not arise.